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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4600
OFFERED BY MR. PALLONE

At the end of the bill, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 13. FEDERAL PROGRAM TO STABILIZE MEDICAL MAL-**
2 **PRACTICE INSURANCE PREMIUMS.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of Health and
4 Human Services shall establish and oversee a program
5 under which insurance companies and other underwriters
6 offering medical malpractice insurance coverage in the
7 United States reinsure all claims in excess of \$250,000
8 through automatic reinsurance from a national fund that
9 would be available to such companies and underwriters in
10 order to provide stability in the market for medical mal-
11 practice insurance coverage.

12 (b) **TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—The Secretary shall
13 establish the terms and conditions of such a program, in-
14 cluding the premium amount to be charged for such rein-
15 surance.